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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed October 17, 2007 in the above-identified application. The response is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	26	MINUS	32	* =	0	X	(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$
INDEP.	1	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$105 SE or \$210)	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$185 SE or \$370)	\$
								TOTAL \$ 0

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.